

REMARKS

Claims 5-9, 11-17, 22 and 24-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 18-21, and 23 are cancelled. Claims 5, 8, 11 and 24 are amended. No new matter has been added.

In view of the following remarks and the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw all outstanding grounds of rejection. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

The Office Action rejects under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) claims 1-6, 8-9, 11-15, 18-19, and 21-27 are rejected as being unpatentable over Microsoft Office 97 "Getting Results with Microsoft Office 97", 12/31/97, pp. 28, 169-175, 408, 425 & 427-432 (hereafter "Office 97") in view of Tabb et al (U.S. 5,603,025 02/11/97). The Office Action also rejects claims 16-17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Office 97 in view of Tabb et al. in further view of Igra et al (US 6,701,485 03/02/04). The Office Action also rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Office 97 in view of Tabb et al. in further view of Igra et al in further view of W3C's "Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0," (hereinafter, "XML"). The rejections of claims 1-4, 18-21 and 23 are rendered moot by their cancellation

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness ... the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991) and MPEP § 2142. The combined references fail to teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of the claims.

For example, Office 97 and Tabb et al fail to teach or suggest "a parent transaction resource comprising ... the first set of metadata further including:

- an identifier, wherein the identifier identifies the parent transaction resource;
- one or more permissions that identify one or more client computers that are permitted to access the parent transaction resource through a network, wherein the parent transaction resource is stored on a physical machine connected to the client computers via the network; and
- resource handler metadata, wherein the resource handler metadata identifies a resource handler that physically accesses the parent transaction resource from the physical machine,

as recited in claim 24. Office 97 does not teach the Annual Report Word Document on p. 174 including an identifier that identifies itself. Office 97 does not teach the Annual Report Word Document on p. 174 including one or more permissions that identify one or more client

computers that are permitted to access the parent transaction resource through a network. Office 97 does not teach the Annual Report Word Document on p. 174 including resource handler metadata. Office 97 alone or in combination with Tabb et al also does not teach “the metadata in the sub-identifier field including linking data generated by the one or more secondary transaction resources.” Office 97 does not teach that the Excel spreadsheet on p. 174 generates linking data. None of the other references, including Tabb et al, overcome these defects. Consequently, claim 24 is not rendered obvious for at least these reasons.

Independent claim 11 is allowable at least for similar reasons and for similarly recited features. Dependent claims 5-9, 12-17, 22, and 25-27 are allowable for at least these same reasons and the independent features they recite. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

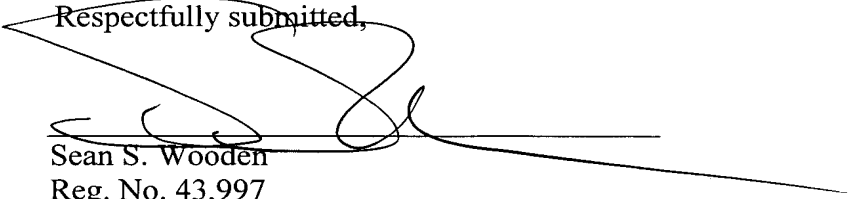
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that all of the objections and rejections against this application have been fully addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and a notice of allowance for the application are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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